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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
NAOKI KAYAHARA

Serial No.: 09/821,328

Filed: March 29, 2001

For: **RETRIEVING METHOD, RETRIEVING
SYSTEM, RETRIEVING PROGRAM, RETRIEVAL
OBJECTIVE MAP GENERATING METHOD,
RETRIEVAL OBJECTIVE MAP GENERATING
SYSTEM, IMAGE RETRIEVING METHOD,
IMAGE RETRIEVING SYSTEM, IMAGE
RETRIEVING PROGRAM, IMAGE RETRIEVAL
DATA, IMAGE MAP GENERATING METHOD
AND IMAGE MAP GENERATING SYSTEM**

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, Filing Date Granted," dated May 29, 2001, response to which is due July 29, 2001, enclosed are the following:

- X A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted".
- X A "Declaration and Power of Attorney" executed by the inventor(s).
- X A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late Declaration.

- X An "Assignment" document executed by the inventor(s), along with an Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet and a check in the amount of \$40.00.
- X A Preliminary Amendment.
- X A Request for Corrected Filing Receipt.
- X An English Translation of the Specification.
- X A Statement certifying to the accuracy of the English Translation of Specification.
- X A check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the fee for non-English Specification

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in payment or credit any overpayment in connection with this matter to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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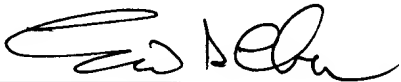
We have received a Filing Receipt for the above-identified patent application. However, the Filing Receipt is incorrect because one of the priority documents has an incorrect number. Priority document "JAPAN 2000-92503" should read as --**JAPAN 2000-92508**--. Additionally, please correct the word "imege" to read as --**IMAGE**--.

Enclosed is a photocopy of the Corrected Filing Receipt which indicates the requested corrections.

It is believed this is a Patent Office error, and accordingly, no fee is enclosed. However, if a fee should be required, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 03-3975 of the undersigned attorney's firm. A copy of this Request is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,
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Title

Retrieving method, retrieving system, retrieving program, retrieval objective map generating method, retrieval objective map generating system, image retrieving method, image retrieving system, image retrieving program, image retrieval data, image map generating method and ~~image~~ map generating system

IMAGE

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
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